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House Membership

Representative Toby Goodman



Biographical Information

PERSONAL

Rep. Goodman is a Family Law and Civil Attorney in Arlington. He and his wife, Gloria, have three children.

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Member, 1991-Present

EDUCATION

B.B.A. Texas Christian University, 1971

J.D. Baylor University School of Law, 1974

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Owner, Goodman and Clark, Arlington, Texas
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation, Life Member
- Past Director, Tarrant County Family Bar Association
- Past Director, Arlington Bar Association
- Adjunct Professor, University of Texas at Arlington, 1974 -1982

- Speaker, University of Texas School of Law Family Law Legislative Update, 1993,1995,1997,1999, 2001
- Member, State Bar Committee on the Re-write of the Family Code 1993-95
- Speaker, CLE Seminar, Baylor University School of Law, 1993, 1997

APPOINTMENTS / LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

- Republican Precinct Chair, 1988 - 1989
- Chairman, Tarrant County Civil Justice Task Force, 1990 -1991
- Tarrant County Republican Judicial Selection Committee, 1990, Chair, 1991
- Member, House Appropriations Committee, 1991-1993
- Member, House Committee on Judicial Affairs Committee, 1991 -1996
- Member, House Judiciary Committee, 1991 -1996
- Chairman, Budget and Oversight, Judiciary Committee, 1991-1993
- Co-Chair, Family Law Subcommittee, House Committee on Judicial Affairs, 1993-1995
- Co-Chair, Joint Interim Legislative Committee on the Family Code, 1994-1995
- Member, Texas Supreme Court Judicial Selection Task Force, 1997-1998
- Member, House Civil Practices Committee, 1997-1999
- Member, Governor's Juvenile Justice Task Force, 1997-1999
- Chairman, House Committee on Juvenile Justice and Family Issues, 1995-2003
- Chairman, National Conference of State Legislatures, Committee on Children, Family and Health, 1999-2000
- Member, Attorney General's School Violence Task Force, 1999-2000
- Member, House committee on Pensions and Investments, 2001-2003
- Vice Chair, National Conference of State Legislatures, Assembly on State Issues, 2001-2003
- Vice Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice and Family Issues, 2003-2005
- Member, House State Affairs Committee, 2003-2005
- Member, Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee of Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- Vice-Chairman, Prairie View A&M Board on Juvenile Justice Educational Section
- Honorary Board Member, Alliance for Children, Tarrant County

HONORS

- "Ten Best Legislators", Family Law Section, State Bar of Texas, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999
- "Most Valuable Player", Juvenile Law Section, State Bar of Texas, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001
- "Legislator of the Year", National Child Support Enforcement Association, 1995
- One of "Ten Best" Harte-Hankes Communications, 1995, 1997

- "Ten Best" Morris News Service Poll, 1995
- Outstanding Legislator, Texas Police Chief's Association, 1995
- Most Valuable Legislator, Texas District and County Attorney's Association, 1997, 1999
- "Outstanding Legislator", Casa, 1995, 1997
- "Legislator of the Year", Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards
- "Legislator of the Year", Texas Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, 1998
- "Recognized Member", Texas Humane Legislation Network and North Texas Humane Society, 1997, 1999, 2001
- "Champion of Juvenile Justice", Texas Probation Association, 1997
- Top Ten, Texas Monthly Magazine, 1997
- "One of the Best Legislators", Texas Civil Justice League, 1999
- "Outstanding Leader", Alliance for Children and Child Advocacy Center of Texas, 2000
- "Outstanding Legislator", Justice of the Peace and Constables Association, 2001
- "Outstanding Leadership", Texas Council on Family Violence, 2001
- "Eva Barnes Award", Outstanding Achievements in Leadership in Family Law, Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association
- Texas Medical Association "Texas Medicine's Best" Award, 2002

HIGHLIGHTS OF LEGISLATION

77th Legislative Session

- H.B. 445, Creating a sales and use tax dedicated to street maintenance.
- H.B. 919, Provides for uniform enforcement of protective orders from other states.
- H.B. 1118, Comprehensive Juvenile Justice Bill, includes changes that allow for provisions to require a hearing to determine the need for sex offender registration.
- H.B. 920, The adoption of the Uniform Parentage Act.
- H.B. 1362, Relating to the regulation of dangerous wild animals.
- H.B. 1363, Relating to the mediation of certain disputes by collaborative law procedures.
- H.B. 1365, Clarify intent, and enhance establishment and enforcement of child support.
- S.B. 199, Sponsor, Prohibiting the possession of firearms by certain individuals convicted of family violence.

76th Legislative Session

- H.B. 2441, Requiring parents participate in a parenting course and counseling in certain suits involving children.
- H.B. 3517, Substantive amendments to statutes governing mentally ill and mentally retarded children in the juvenile justice system.
- S.B. 7, Joint Sponsor, Telecommunications restructuring, deregulation and freezing of certain fees.
- S.B. 8, Sponsor, Relating to the compilation of criminal information pertaining to criminal street gangs and criminal combinations.

- S.B. 1580, Sponsor, Relating to the creation of the Texas Violent Gang Task Force.

75th Legislative Session

- H.B. 1550, Clarifying and technical amendments to Juvenile Justice Code.
- H.B. 1826, Modifies and clarifies the law to improve DPRS' ability to protect children and provide services to families.
- S.B. 29, Sponsor, Revises provisions of the Family Code to comply with Federal Mandates.

74th Legislative Session

- H.B. 327, Rewrite of the Texas Juvenile Justice Code.
- H.B. 418, Sets forth regulation regarding the application for and issuance of protective orders.
- H.B. 433, Revisions to the Family Code including possession, conservatorship, child support liens, adoption, birth parents and paternity registries.
- S.B. 97, Sponsor, "Canned Hunt" bill, prohibits the hunting of dangerous wild animals kept in captivity.

73rd Legislative Session

- H.B. 724, Relating to the administration of a statewide plan for child support by the attorney general's office.
- H.B. 758, Relating to the accrual of interest on delinquent child support.
- H.B. 1630, Relating to the rights, privileges, duties, and powers of conservators.

72nd Legislative Session

- H.B. 409, Relating to certain family court masters.
- S.B. 243, Sponsor, Relating to the establishment of an appellate judicial system for the Second Court of Appeals District.
- S.B. 1335, Sponsor, Relating to the guidelines for the support of a child.